GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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LAND ACQUISITION FOR MINE PROJECT
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited along with its subsidiary South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) has arbitrarily acquired the land of three villages of Madhya Pradesh including tribal dominated Kotama village or its Amadand open cast mine project;

(b) If so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) The steps proposed to be taken to protect the rights of the tribal people against exploitation by the Coal India Ltd. and State Government;

(d) Whether CIL entered into agreement with the farmers for providing compensation to them in lieu of land ; and

(e) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. As reported by Coaf India Ltd., the land for Amadand OCP in Kotma Village has been acquired after duly following procedures laid down in Land Acquisition Act., 1894 (LA Act) and Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition & Development) Act, 195 7 (CBA Act).

Mining right in an area of 3407.403 hectares covered under 7 villages was acquired by the Central Govt. under CBA Act, 1957 vide Gazette Notification under S.O. 495 dated 22.02.97.

Further, based on recommendation of Central Government, surface land over the mining right already acquired under CBA Act, was acquired by Collector / Land Acquisition Officer, Anuppur of Madhya Pradesh vide notification under section 6 of the LA Act, 1894 published in the Official Gazette of State Government on 28.5.2005. The details of land acquired to be made to SECL is as under :

Sl.No.	Village	Area acquired (Surface Right)
1	Nimha	362.219 Ha.
2	Amadand	229.850 Ha.
3	Kuhka	107.870 Ha.
	Total	699.939 Ha.

Collector, the Competent Authority for assessment and payment of compensation for acquired land, made a part award for 205.322 Ha. of land, out of total 699.939 hectares in first phase as per urgency and assessment of balance area is in progress. SECL deposited Rs. 2.77 Crore to Collector, Anuppur on 20-12-04 against 205.322 Ha of land for payment. But the Land Owners are not accepting the compensation and demanding employment beyond norms. However, 22 land owners have received compensation on 18.08.05.

(c): Payment of compensation is made by Collector/Land Acquisition Officer of the district and there is a proper mechanism and established system to deal with the award of compensation to the land owners including tribal land owners to protect their livelihood.

(d): No agreement has been made with the farmers by SECL.

(e): Does notarise in view of the answer at`d`.